

MINUTES

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 57th SESSION

February 5, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Mello, Dreyer, Prince, Robinson, Howard, Smith, Hafen, Capurro and Schofield.

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks, Gene Pieretti and Bob Gurnsey

Present from Department of Health, Welfare & Rehabilitation:

Roger Trounday, Director of HWR
 Ernest Gregory, Chief, Environmental Health
 Dr. John Carr, State Health Officer
 Thomas E. Wilson, Director, State Comprehensive Health Planning
 Roger O. Glover, Administrator, Rural Clinics
 Charles R. Dickson, Director, Mental Hygiene & Mental Retardation
 Jack Middleton, Mental Retardation
 Robert S. Kaffer, Reno Mental Health Clinic
 Ted Reynolds, Mental Hygiene & Mental Retardation
 Victor J. LoCicero, M.D., Supt. Nevada State Hospital

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of February 1, 1973, was made by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Howard. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of A.B. 200 introduced by Roy Young. Emergency Bill to authorize expenditure of \$10,000 to be taken out of existing funds in Fish and Game budget. Move, do pass, Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Capurro. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Gregory continued with his portion of the HWR budget on Environmental Health. Question from Mr. Schofield regarding the request of \$10,075 for Other Contract Services. It was explained that this request is for emergency type funding and would probably be covered by the Board of Examiners Emergency Fund.

Health Aid to Counties, page 255. Explained by Dr. Carr according to budget outline. No questions.

Immunization Program, page 256. Explained by Dr. Carr according to budget outline. No questions.

Public Health Sanitarians Board, page 257. Explanation by Dr. Carr according to budget outline. No questions.

Med Lab Certification, page 258. Explanation by Dr. Carr according to budget outline. No questions.

Renal Disease Advisory Committee, page 261. Program established by last legislature but provided no funds. This Committee has never been able to meet and funding request will enable them to meet twice a year in Reno and twice in Las Vegas.

Silicosis Program, page 262. Explanation as outlined in the budget. Seven original recipients who had silicosis and the remaining six made up of survivors, including widows and children.

NIC Silicosis & Disabled, page 263. Request was made to have John Riser from NIC come over and discuss this before the Committee.

Comprehensive Health Planning, Mr. Thomas Wilson, page 259 and 260. General explanation of current agency programs, background, and developments in the statewide comprehensive health plan. It was noted that legislation is being prepared to authorize the Health Facility License Review Fee presently noted under funds available.

Introduction of Dr. Charles Dickson and Ted Reynolds for Division of Mental Hygiene & Mental Retardation, pages 264, 265 and 266. The first budget represents administration, program development and a system of accountability. It was noted that the Chief of MR & MH is an unclassified position. Improvement & Planning would be at the Nevada State Hospital Site.

New positions:

- Senior Clerk Steno - would be under the transferred position of Supervisor of Education & Public Information.
- Asst. Admin & Prog. Director - to assume responsibility for Administrator upon his absence from the State and developing programs and generating grants.
- Statistician - program accountability.
- Principal Clk Steno - would function primarily for the Asst. Administrator & Program Director.
- Management Analyst - personnel, budget and management procedures. Original request for an Administrative Services Officer was felt to be too high a classification and the Governor recommended a Management Analyst.

The difference between salary ranges for the various positions is dependent upon qualifications and abilities necessary for that position.

Break taken at 9:03 for 10 minutes.

Nevada Mental Health Institute (Nevada State Hospital), pages 267, 268, 269 and 270. Explanation as outlined on pages 270 and 271. It was noted that the Special Improvements were moved to page 265. Explanation of Less Salary Savings of \$51,236 by Ron Sparks. This is the amount requested by the agency and it was felt that this money could be picked up from salary savings, from positions unfilled, etc. It is also felt that the request for overtime could be funded by the agency itself.

Hospital Improvement Program, page 272. Explanation by Dr. Dickson as outlined on page 272.

In-Service Education, page 273. Explanation as outlined.

Facility for the Mental Offender, pages 274 and 275. Explanation as outlined in the budget. This program will go into effect until fy 74-75 when the new facility is completed.

Reno Mental Health Center, page 276 and 277. Explanation as outlined.

Southern Nevada Comprehensive Mental Health Center, pages 278, 279 and 280. Explanation as outlined. All new positions not recommended by the Governor represent those positions that would have been funded by Federal staff grants if funds were available.

Clark County Emotionally Disturbed Childrens Program, pages 282, 283 and 284. Explanation as outlined. Noted that Contractual Services include one child psychologist, one pediatrician, one speech and hearing specialist and an optometrist.

Henderson Mental Health Center, pages 285 and 286. Explanation as outlined.

Rural Clinics, pages 287, 288 and 289. Explanation as outlined.

Mental Retard Centers, pages 290, 291 and 292. Explanation as outlined.

Community Awareness Project, page 293. Explanation as outlined.

Community Training Center Fund, page 294. Explanation as outlined. It was noted that two new center are now being funded, Lincoln and White Pine counties.

Although the depth of these hearings have been very shallow, it is pointed out that there are sub-committees appointed to work with the various departments. Therefore, the Committee is wholly dependent upon the sub-committees for their reports and recommendations. It was noted again that the 20th and 21st have been set aside for the sub-committees.

Chairman Mello requested that the Committee take action on the following budgets:

Nevada Jr. Livestock Show Board, page 500. Mr. Capurro moved that the budget be closed. Second by Mr. Schofield. Passed unanimously.

Advisory Mining Board, page 548. Mr. Howard moved that the budget be closed. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Passed unanimously.

Western Interstate Nuclear Compact, page 549. Mr. Smith moved that the budget be closed. Second by Mr. Schofield. Nays: Mr. Dreyer and Mr. Capurro. Passed.

High School Rodeo Association, page 550. Mr. Prince moved that the budget be closed. Second by Mr. Hafen. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.